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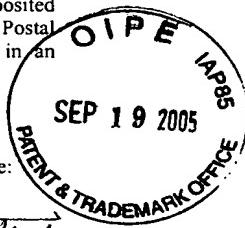
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE**

Applicant : Raymond J. Baxter et al.  
Title of Invention: **ADJUSTABLE MAGNETIC SEPARATOR**  
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**STATUS REQUEST**

The above-identified patent application has been on file since February 18, 2004. Applicant reviewed the most recent Official Gazette issue dated September 13, 2005 which indicates that the average filing date of applications receiving a first Office action in the last three months for this Group Art Unit is May 18, 2004. Since the above-identified application was filed approximately three (3) months prior to this average filing date, Applicant hereby respectfully requests when examination can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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